



# KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

July 21, 2011

## Star-Spangled 200 video sizzles



Maryland Public Television has created a seven-minute "sizzle reel" to support the fundraising efforts of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. The video includes interviews with Gov. Martin O'Malley and Commission Chair Raymond "Chip" Mason. View the video on the Commission's [website](#) or on [YouTube](#).

## Beegle, Feinberg join Star-Spangled 200, Inc.



Ann Beegle (left) and Jill Feinberg

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### Upcoming Events

[Neighborhood Ice Cream Social](#)  
Aug. 7, 2011

[15th Annual Battle of Bladensburg Encampment](#)  
Aug. 13, 2011

[Defenders' Day Celebration at North Point](#)  
Sept. 4, 2011

[Star-Spangled Banner Weekend](#)  
Sept. 9 -11, 2011

[Star-Spangled 200, Inc.](#), the nonprofit entity that supports the fundraising goals of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, has filled two positions: Ann K. Beegle is the new executive director and Jill Feinberg is the communications and public relations director.

Beegle is the former executive director of the [Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#). She had also served as chief of staff for Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take advantage of a global stage and showcase Maryland's extraordinary contributions to the nation during the War of 1812," she said. "I look forward to working with our industry partners to bring new prominence to Maryland's cultural landscape."

Feinberg, the former conference and tourism director for Baltimore County, was named Maryland's "New Tourism Professional of the Year" in 2010. She previously worked in communications and marketing for UMBC and Marriott International. "Maryland's War of 1812 story resonates with people across the continent and around the world," she said. "The birth of a national icon – the Star-Spangled Banner – is a powerful narrative."

Star-Spangled 200, Inc. plans to raise \$12.5 million for matching grants tied to projects that support resource preservation, education and community revitalization, and \$10 million for bicentennial programs and events.

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## U.S. Navy, OpSail plan War of 1812 tributes

U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and the chairman of [Operation Sail, Inc.](#), Jose Fuentes, recently announced a series of major events for the bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 and the writing of The Star-Spangled Banner.

Week-long events, including parades of sail, public visitation, air shows, international athletic competitions, and community relations activities will mark the occasions in Baltimore, New Orleans, New York City, Norfolk and Boston/New London. Similar events will take place in Great Lakes ports. The Baltimore activities are scheduled for June 13-19, 2012. The [Navy](#) has invited 120 countries to send appropriate combat ships and their national academy sail-training tall ships to America.

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## 1812 projects receive heritage-tourism grants

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHHA) has awarded nearly \$2.3 million in matching grants to 51 Maryland nonprofits and local governments to support heritage-tourism projects and activities that expand economic development and tourism-related job creation. MHHA oversees Maryland's 12 locally administered, state-certified heritage areas.

"The Maryland Heritage Area Program's targeted investments preserve and enhance the distinctive natural areas, rich cultural traditions, and historic sites that so many of our visitors come to enjoy," said Gov. Martin O'Malley.

Among the organizations that are receiving awards for projects related to the War of 1812 bicentennial: [Baltimore National Heritage Area](#), \$6,750; [Baltimore Heritage](#), \$3,500; [Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse](#), \$70,000; [Friends of Fort](#)

### [1812 Re-enactment and Encampment](#)

Sept. 24, 2011

### [1812 Tavern Night](#)

Sept. 24, 2011

## Recent News

[Selling the War of 1812 in Maryland](#), *Baltimore Business Journal*, July 8, 2011

[Flags and beer: A Baltimore tradition](#), *BaltimoreSun.com*, July 3, 2011

[Tall ship adds touch of majesty to Fourth festivities](#), *BuffaloNews.com*, June 30, 2011

Read more [news](#).

## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

**Aug. 11, 2011**

National Endowment for the Arts  
[Grants for Art Projects: Art Works](#)

**Aug. 17, 2011**

National Endowment for the Humanities  
[America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Implementation Grants](#)  
[America's Media Makers: Development Grants](#)  
[America's Media Makers: Production Grants](#)  
[America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants](#)

## Links



[Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial](#)

[McHenry/Living Classrooms](#), \$23,300; [Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum](#), \$6,500; [Maryland Historical Society](#), \$18,000; [Pride of Baltimore II](#), \$15,500; [Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point](#), \$13,000; and [Sultana Projects, Inc.](#), \$12,000.

[View](#) a listing of all grant recipients.

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## Southern Maryland releases 1812 guide



A new Southern Maryland War of 1812 Travel Map and Guide is available at all Southern Maryland information centers. An online version is expected to be ready soon. The project was funded through a matching-funds award from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

[Calvert Marine Museum](#) coordinated the project with the tourism offices in Calvert, Charles and St.

Mary's counties, and other stakeholders that included [Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum](#), and [Sotterley Plantation](#).

Historian and author Ralph Eshelman wrote the guide, which illustrates the role that Southern Maryland had during the War of 1812.

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## Restoration of Baltimore's Battle Monument in progress

Baltimore City's Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation is [restoring the Battle Monument](#) (located downtown on Calvert Street by the courthouse) in preparation for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration. The monument, which honors the 39 Baltimoreans who died in war, is the official emblem of the city. Construction of the monument – the first to honor common soldiers – began in 1815 and was completed in 1825.

Maximilian Godefroy (1765–ca. 1838) was the architect of the Battle Monument. A French native, Godefroy worked in Baltimore during the first half of the 19th century. He was also a civil engineer and worked on the fortifications at Fort McHenry.

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[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#)



[Baltimore National Heritage Area](#)

[Battle of Bladensburg](#)

[Eastern Shore 1812 Consortium](#)



[Upper Bay War of 1812](#)

## Tourism study in progress at North Point State Battlefield



The National Park Service (NPS), at the request of Baltimore County, is developing a site plan that will promote tourism at North Point State Battlefield. NPS has retained a team of landscape architects to study the nine-acre parcel. Its \$30,000 investment in this project represents the matching funds proposed in a Scenic Byways Grant application submitted in May by Baltimore County. If the application is approved, the county would receive \$120,000 in federal funding for a final design and implementation of the site plan.

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## Riversdale presents War of 1812 encampment

Costumed interpreters stage the 16th annual Battle of Bladensburg Encampment, Aug. 13, noon to 4 p.m. at [Riversdale](#) in Prince George's County. The event also features crafts and dress-up stations, cannon firing, gunnery drills, activities for kids, and camp and kitchen displays. All events on the grounds are free. House tours are \$2 a person and free for children under 5-years-old. The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will sell historically-inspired refreshments.

Riversdale, a national historic landmark, is at 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park. For more information, call 301-864-0420 (TTY: 301-699-2544), or send an [e-mail](#). Riversdale is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

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## Tours reveal history of Fell's Point in Baltimore

Walking tours of Fell's Point (established in 1730), led by [Baltimore National Heritage Area](#) urban rangers, run Tuesday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The 90-minute tours depart from the Fell's Point Visitor Center, 1724-1726 Thames St. and cost \$5 a person, free for children under 12. Call 410-675-6750, Ext 16 for reservations. The tours are a program of the Baltimore National Heritage Area and The Preservation Society.

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## JefPat joins upcoming 1812 blog

[The Hermitage](#), former home of President Andrew Jackson, has invited [Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum](#) to become a contributor to the Blog of 1812, which is scheduled to start in May 2012. The blog will be a day-to-day documentation of the War of 1812 based on newspaper stories and personal accounts. Historic sites, libraries and archives across the U.S. are collaborating to produce the blog.

To contribute to the Blog of 1812, e-mail [James Yasko](#) at The Hermitage for consideration.

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## Featured Site



Built in the mid-1780s, **Hancock's Resolution** was owned by Maryland's Hancock family until the 1960s when it was bequeathed to Anne Arundel County. The National Register of Historic Places listed the house in 1975. Reportedly, the house was a signal point during the War of 1812. On Aug. 24, 1814 – the same day as the Battle of Bladensburg – the British navy entered nearby Bodkin Creek and burned the U.S. schooner *Lion*.

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(410) 255-4048  
[www.historichancocksresolution.org](http://www.historichancocksresolution.org)

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